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REMARKS

Reconsideration of all grounds of rejection and allowance of the instant claims are respectfully requested.

Summary of the Rejections:

(1) Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-11 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kamaya et al. (U.S. 5,537,175, hereafter "Kamaya").

(2) Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Kamaya.

(3) Claim 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Kamaya in view of Braun (U.S. 5,532,737).

(4) Claims 5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kamaya in view of Kakii (U.S. 6,137,526).

(5) Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kamaya in view of Kawashima et al. (U.S. 6,079,862, hereafter "Kawashima").

(6) Claims 16-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kamaya in view of Parulski et al. (U.S. 5,943,603, hereafter "Parulski").

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Applicants' Traversal:

35 U.S.C. §102(b):

Kamaya discloses a camera adapted for self-photography by provision of a reflective element disposed over a camera lens that is disposed along or proximate to the focal axis of the image receiving portion. The mirror in Kamaya is arranged directly over the lens to provide a reflection that may be close to what is being optically sensed by the camera.

In contrast, in the presently claimed invention, the arrangement of the mirror does not require placement over the lens, and may be adjacent to the camera (please see page 6, lines 12-15).

In addition, base claims 1, 11 and 15 recite that the mirror has a reflection surface that is substantially greater than the reflection surface.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submit that none of the instant claims are anticipated by Kamaya. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103(a):

With regard to the rejections under 25 U.S.C. §103(a), it is respectfully submitted that these claims would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art over the reference

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or combination of references. For example, Applicants respectfully disagree that the aligning the mirror is suggested by the Official Notice and Kamaya because the mirror in Kamaya is fixed. In addition, all of the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 are believed to be patentable for dependence upon base claims 1, 11 or 15, which are believed to be patentable.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone communication, he is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the number listed below.

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